



# La Voce

The Italian American Club of Boise

December 2012

## Upcoming IAC Events

2012

December 1, Saturday  
IAC ANNUAL  
CHRISTMAS PARTY

December 31, Monday  
NOMINATIONS  
CLOSE 2013 Elections

2013

January 16, Wednesday  
IAC Board Meeting

January 17, Thursday  
Balloting begins

January 19, Saturday  
Cooking Class—Risotto

February 9, Saturday  
Valentine Dinner

February 23, Saturday  
Crab Feed

March  
General Meeting  
Membership

Italian American Club of Boise  
P. O. Box 1661  
Meridian, ID 83680

<http://iacboise.org>

**Buon Natale**



**Merry Christmas**

## The VIP AWARD 2013

The VERY IMPORTANT PERSON Award is presented, this year, to three very special gentlemen. They are long time members and each has contributed significantly to the Club and to keeping our Italian culture and heritage strong in Idaho. BRAVO!

- ◆ Edward “Buz” Bonaminio
- ◆ Phil Sansotta
- ◆ David Smith



**Congratulations, Well done, Thank you very much!**  
**COMPLIMENTI, RINGRAZIO MOLTO!**

We are proud to honor these men, they have set a most splendid and high standard for our Club. Buz, Phil and David, you have made, and continue to make a difference! God bless you!

*“Great leadership usually starts with a willing heart, a positive attitude, and a desire to make a difference.” — Mac Anderson*

## Nominations for Officers 2013

This is the final notice to submit nominations for the 2013 election of Club Officers. Nominations close on December 31, 2012. These nominations will be presented to the Board at the meeting on January 16, 2013; balloting will begin on January 17, 2013.

Submit your nominations in writing through postal mail to:  
Italian American Club of Boise, NOMINATIONS, P. O. 1661, Meridian, ID 83680 — or if you prefer electronically to [nominations@iacboise.org](mailto:nominations@iacboise.org)

Contact for further information or with questions is Maryellen Maher.  
Phone: 208-761-7173 or email to [nominations@iacboise.org](mailto:nominations@iacboise.org)

This is an exciting time for our Club. We are growing, constantly adding new activities; participation in the actual running and business of the Club is very rewarding and encouraged. The Nominations Committee can use your help. Call Maryellen if you want to help with balloting and elections.

## IAC and our COMMUNITY— MAKING A DIFFERENCE

Throughout the year, the Club at Large, as well as individual members of the IAC have been active in participating and reaching out to many people and organizations in the community. This being the last issue of our newsletter for 2012, it seemed appropriate to look back and express appreciation to everyone who made a difference.

**IDAHO FOOD BANK'S (IFB) Backpack Build.** Club members helped fill Backpacks for hungry children through the IFB program that works in partnership with school officials to identify chronically hungry children. With parental permission backpacks are distributed discreetly, on Fridays or the last day of the school week, to these hungry kids. It is a discreet way to provide meals over the weekend; they are child-friendly, and easy to prepare.

**SALLY'S KIDS NEED CLOTHES.** Sally Guterrez collected children's clothing for distribution to local schools. She never misses an opportunity to ask any and all she meets to gather new or gently used clothes. Sizes 6 to 12, for the Taft and Whittier Schools. Like she says "You can drop them off to me, or I will pick them up. My kids need clothes!"

**VOLUNTEERING at SHAKESPEARE.** Harriet Americo organized and coordinated members to work in teams at the Shakespeare Festival. It was fun, we got to watch the show, and afforded more visibility to the Club as members mingled with the theater crowd.

**IDAHO FOOD BANK major contribution of funds.** Once again our Annual GOLF TOURNAMENT was held, with 40% of our net proceeds going to the IFB. Joe De Christefero and his committee work most of the year to make it most successful tournament yet. We are proud to report that, to date, we have contributed a total amount \$9,194.00 to help feed the hungry in our community.

**BOISE MISSION.** We have helped serve meals at holidays along with working with the staff in unloading truckloads of food—stocking it on their shelves and freezers.

**BOCCE.** Not only did we have a successful Summer League; providing players with well-attended courts, instructions and organized games, we once again held the end of summer BOCCE Tournament. Additionally, Bruce "GUIDO" FABBI and RICH O'HARA conducted some training sessions for the Trainers for the SPECIAL OLYMPICS.

**PARTNERS with ST. AL's.** We raised the IAC flag and helped out at the hospital Volunteers' Awards Dinner as well as The Festival of Trees. A nice way to show support in our community ... and as we always say ... "We like to help out a good cause, and have fun while we are doing it!"

**FOOD DRIVE for the holidays.** The Club and individual members continue to be generous in donating and collecting food for the IDAHO FOOD BANK and other local food drives for the needy.

**HONOR and DONATION to MILITARY VETERAN.** A portion of the raffle money from the Christmas Party is being given to a military veteran who is currently being cared for at the VA Hospital here in Boise. Marie Bonaminio, with the help of Tom Woodall, identified a gentleman at the Boise Vet Hospital who is Italian descent.

To everyone who participated and donated; to all who gave of themselves, we say **THANK YOU.** We have made a difference, and it feels good!! **BEN FATTO MILLE GRAZIE**



## AROUND TOWN with the IAC

Club members Jeff & Jo-Anne Smith, “captured here” at a’Tavola! Jo-Anne recently held a wonderful birthday celebration for her hubby, Jeff, at a’Tavola. Those who know the Smiths, are aware of their love for Opera Idaho, so in addition to the excellent food, great wine and convivially gracious company at Jeff’s party, there was music—provided by Opera Idaho!

With the holidays upon us, and knowing how IAC folks love food, wine and song, your humble La Voce editor suggests you check out the Smith’s winning festivities combination!

**a’Tavola and OPERA IDAHO**

### OPERA IDAHO

#### HANSEL & GRETEL

December 28, 29 & 30

<http://www.operaidaho.org> email [Fernando@operaidaho.org](mailto:Fernando@operaidaho.org) phone: 208-345-3532

A’TAVOLA! 1515 W.Grove St., Boise

<http://a’Tavola.com> phone: 208-336-3641

## Christmas Time in Boise!

### BOISE PHILHARMONIC

#### HANDEL’s MESSIAH

Saturday, December 15th at 8:00 pm

At the Morrison Center

Website:

[www.boisephilharmonic.org](http://www.boisephilharmonic.org)

Phone: 208-336-9078

Email:

[info@boisephilharmonic.org](mailto:info@boisephilharmonic.org)

### BALLET IDAHO

#### THE NUTCRACKER

December 21, 22, 23

At the Morrison Center

Website: [www.balletidaho.org](http://www.balletidaho.org)

Phone: 208-345-0556

### IDAHO BOTANICAL GARDEN

#### WINTER GARDEN a’ GLOW

November 30-January 6

Website:

[www.idahobotanicalgarden.org](http://www.idahobotanicalgarden.org)

Located: 2355 Old Penitentiary Road

Phone: 208-343-8649

Something “ITALIAN”  
from the Editor of La Voce

### Rolando & Mary Ellen

TENNE told us to check out some good Italian sausage being made and served up at STEVE’S CAFÉ in Meridian.

It is a family-friendly, good service-oriented, welcoming place on Fairview Ave (across the street from Louie’s). Open for breakfast and lunch.

We went for breakfast last Sunday. As we were finishing our food, STEVE VINCELLI, the owner, stopped by our booth to ask how everything was. Truthfully, it was TERRIFIC!

Naturally, we mentioned the IAC; and he asked us to send him a copy of our La Voce.

Go check out STEVE’S CAFÉ! They are on Facebook—the website is [www.stevescafe.com](http://www.stevescafe.com) Phone: 208-887-1133

### COOKING CLASS

#### RISOTTO

WHEN: January 19, 2013  
Saturday - at 9:30 am

WHERE: The Pasta Market  
12646 Fairview Ave.

COST: \$20 (donation to Heritage Fund)

Lunch included

RSVP: Angie Fabbi 208-375-1345

Class size limited to ten (10) students; this keeps it intimate and allows for questions and good conversation. Be sure to sign up ASAP to save your place!

Schedule for future classes:

February 2 FILLING FOR  
HEART SHAPED RAVIOLI

March 19 PASTA all NORMA  
St. JOSEPH’S DAY PASTRY

April 13 MANICOTTI  
made with crepes

May 4 SPECIAL ITALIAN SALADS  
and ZABAGLIONE

Questions on this class as well as all future classes can be directed to:

ANGIE FABBI  
at 208-375-1345







Saint Alphonsus Foundation  
**FESTIVAL OF TREES**  
**Fashion Show— IAC Volunteers**  
 Once again the IAC answered the call to help with a community event. Thank you to Marie Bonaminio, Alberta Woodall, Harriet Americo, Sally Gutierrez, Pat Schlitt, Maryellen Maher, Joyce Sposito,

These Glamour Gals stood on their feet for hours!

And a special thanks to Gentleman Tom, doing his best impersonation of Santa Claus.



## Annual IAC Christmas Party



**A taste of the Annual IAC Christmas Party**

This is just a very small sample of all the photos that were taken at the Christmas Party.

You can find a few more on the Facebook page, and Karen Celli (big Grazie!) for taking several photos throughout the evening. They will be placed on a CD (If anyone else would like to submit more photos of the evening, please contact Marie Bonaminio).

The food, the wine, the raffle prizes, the dancing, the cookies, the good company and conversation was totally enjoyable. Skip, our D.J. extraordinaire, wrapped the entire evening in perfect harmony. He epitomized the Spirit of Christmas ,, and to top it off, he told Marie he wants to give back the fee for the “gig” and donate that money to the BOCCE fund. Bravo!! If you missed this one, you really missed one of the best. Mark your calendar for 2013 “MUST attend the IAC Christmas Party this year.”

# 40th ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

The Committee continues to gather all historical documents, photos and memorabilia since the Club's beginning. These items will be scanned and placed into a professional digital program. Jeanne Brandon has identified Dropbox, an online Internet service, as the best way to secure data storage for all of these images. This will provide the opportunity for everyone involved to access the project from their own computers at home.

If you volunteered to help do the scanning job when you filled out the 40th Anniversary survey, Jeanne will contact you in late January to assign a small scanning job.

In Summer 2013, the City of Boise will celebrate their 150th Anniversary. We believe there will be activities that we can participate in -as a club. It would afford us the opportunity for a "dry-run" of sorts for our 40th celebration in 2015.

Volunteers are needed as fact seekers of the City's events; we need to know dates, times, contact information now, so we are prepared to join in where it is most appropriate. A few phone calls is all it takes, and a great way to get involved ... it's a small job in the grand scheme, yet very important.

**Contact for 40th Anniversary Celebration Committee:**  
**Jeanne Brandone 208-377-3613**  
**Al Ceriale 208-939-8502**



**Reminder: If you have photos from Christmas Party or other IAC events, please get a copy to Jeanne Brandone (this is our HISTORY in the making!)**

## IAC BOAD MEETING AGENDA Wednesday—December 19, 2012 6:30 pm - 8:45 pm

- **Open Forum (6:30-6:45)**
- **Treasurer's Report**
- **President's report**
- **Committee Report**
  - **Budget & Finance**
  - **Nomination**
  - **Standing Rules**
- **Council Reports**
  - **Membership**
  - **Communications**
  - **Ways and Means**
- **Club Reports**
  - **40th Anniversary—Dropbox**
- **Upcoming events**
  - **February 2 Cooking class**
  - **February 9, Valentine Dinner**
  - **February 23 Crab Feed**
  - **March, General Members Meeting**
- **New business for next meeting**

All members of the Italian American Club are welcome to attend the Board Meeting which is held at the First Congregational United Church  
2201 Woodlawn Ave., in Boise  
(off 23rd Street)



**NEW MEMBERS**



**BENVENUTI**

**Carmela Knezevich**

**Michael & Carol De Paola**